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SUBJECT: POPLAR RIVER GENERATING STATION

1. ON JANUARY 27, THE INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION
WROTE BOTH THE CANADIAN AND UNITED STATES GOVERNMENTS
CONCERNING THE POPLAR RIVER GENERATING STATION. THE
COMMISSION REPORTED ON THE EFFORTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL
POPLAR RIVER QUALITY BOARD TO SECURE ALL WATER QUALITY
DATA PRESENTLY IN THE POSSESSION OF THE SASKATCHEWAN
POWER CORPORATION. (BOTH GOVERNMENTS ARE COMMITTED BY
THE TERMS OF THE AUGUST 12, 1977 REFERENCE TO THE IJC TO
PROVIDE ALL SUCH MATERIAL.)

2. THE COMMISSION NOTED THAT THE BOARD HAS BEEN UNABLE
TO OBTAIN THIS INFORMATION AND IS THEREFORE UNABLE TO
DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THIS BASELINE DATA ACCURATELY
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REFLECTS THE PRECONSTRUCTION CONDITIONS EXISTING ON THE
POPLAR. THE COMMISSION EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT CONTINUED
WORK ON THE PROJECT, PARTICULARLY THE ASSOCIATED COAL
MINING OPERATION, "MAY MATERIALLY AND IRREVOCABLY ALTER
CONDITIONS IN THE STUDY AREA BEFORE THE BOARD HAS BEEN
ABLE TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT ADEQUATE BASELINE DATA
IS AVAILABLE." CONCLUDING, THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDED

"THAT ALL CONSTRUCTION, EXCAVATION AND DEWATERING ON THE

POPLAR RIVER PROJECT, INCLUDING THE ASSOCIATED COAL MINING OPERATIONS, BE STOPPED UNTIL THE BOARD HAS RECEIVED THE INFORMATION IT REQUESTED FROM THE SPC, AND UNTIL THE BOARD HAS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO ASSESS THE INFORMATION." THE COMMISSION FURTHER NOTIFIED GOVERNMENTS THAT ITS REPORT WOULD BE DELAYED, IN PART DUE TO THE NONRECEIPT OF SPC DATA, UNTIL APRIL 1979.

2. ON JANUARY 31, GOC AND DEPT AGREED TO HAVE IJC RELEASE TEXT OF LETTER IF QUERIED.

3. IN RESPONSE TO NUMEROUS PRESS INQUIRIES, DEPARTMENT HAS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT WE HAVE REQUESTED CONSULTATIONS WITH THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY. WE SUGGEST EMBASSY TAKE A SIMILAR LINE, IF QUERIED. VANCE

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